



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
on the Eve of Thanksgiving Day
November 22, 2023
6:30 p.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack.

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in F

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

HYMN 290

St. George's, Windsor

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP page 355*
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 280

Robert Powell (b.1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall

go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 433

Kremser

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:25–35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, Dean

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Monkland;

ANTHEM

arr. Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*For his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:

He with all commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:

He the golden-tressed sun
caused all day his course to run:

The horned moon to shine by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:

— *paraphrase of Psalm 136 by John Milton (1608-1674)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, page 373

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 129

Robert Powell

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 416

Lucerna Laudomine

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 397

Nun danket alle Gott

THE DISMISSAL

- Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Improvisation on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Eugene Decker Manly.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and lovingly in honor of Shirley Davis by Keith Davis and Rick Newlin.

Welcome

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Welcome • If you are new or visiting Christ Church Cathedral, we are honored to have you worship with us this evening. Please make yourself at home, and let us know how we can be helpful. Also, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pews, and drop it in an offering plate or give it to a clergy person or usher. You are always welcome here!

❖ **Poinsettia Memorial** • Poinsettias can be given in memory or honor of someone special this Christmas for \$15 per plant. You may visit with Lisa Viktorin (lviktorin@christchurchcathedral.org) in the Cloister to place an order Sundays Nov.26 or Dec. 3, or order online at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/poinsettias

❖ **Advent Wreath Making** • Come to Reynolds Hall on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. where we will supply your family with all you need to create an Advent wreath, along with a follow-along-at-home liturgy to guide you through your expectant waiting for the coming of the Christ child. The suggested donation for an Advent wreath is \$25. Donations help to defray the cost of the supplies. Scholarships are available.

❖ **Advent Lessons and Carols** • On Sunday, Dec. 3 the Cathedral Choir ushers in Advent with its annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols, in place of The Well at 5 p.m. One of the most anticipated celebrations of the year and a perfect way to introduce friends and family to the Cathedral. Start your Advent with this beautiful service and the reception that follows. To see more about upcoming services, visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/christmas

❖ **Christmas at the Cathedral** • On Saturday, Dec. 9 the Mission Outreach Council and Kids Hope partner to host a festive celebration for the children of Bruce Elementary. Volunteers are needed, as well as donations of children's christmas gifts. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/christmasatthecathedral

❖ **Parish Retreat** • Join your parish family for a relaxing weekend retreat at Camp Allen in the piney woods just north of Houston. Connect with old friends, discover new ones, and renew your relationship with God. All are welcome. The retreat will take place Jan. 12 - 14. Registration available Dec. 1. Learn more at www.christchurchcathedral.org/parishretreat

❖ **Make your Every Member Canvass Pledge** • There's still time to make your annual pledge! We invite you to join us as we renew our financial commitment to our beloved Cathedral. Submit your pledge by dropping a pledge card in the offering plate or scan the QR code to pledge online. Questions? Contact CFO Patrick Saccomanno at psaccomanno@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-220-9759.



*For more information about these and other events
at the Cathedral, visit www.christchurchcathedral.org.*

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24

4 p.m.
Family Eucharist, Rite II,
and the Christmas Play
(Childcare is available)

6 p.m.
Festival Eucharist, Rite II,
in Spanish

7:30 p.m.
Organ Prelude

8 p.m.
Choral Eucharist, Rite II,
with Parish Choir
(Childcare is available)

10:30 p.m.
Prelude with the
Cathedral Choir and Orchestra

11 p.m.
Festival Eucharist, Rite I, with the
Cathedral Choir and Orchestra

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25

10 a.m.
Eucharist and Carols



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, *Bishop Suffragan*
The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, *Bishop Suffragan*
The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, *Assistant Bishop*
The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, *Dean*
The Rev. Canon Simón Bautista Betances
The Rev. Canon Bradley Varnell
The Rev. Edward L. Stein, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Elizabeth Parker, *Assisting Priest*
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